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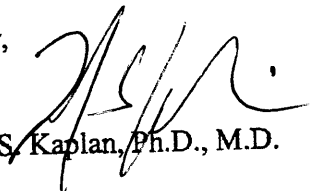
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Kimberly Topper
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
(HFD-21)
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Topper:

Enclosed is a copy of my resume. I am Board Certified in Physical Medicine Rehabilitation. I also have a Ph.D. in Neuroscience. I have testified at the FDA before on other medications. I would like to testify regarding OxyContin and other opioids, and their short-acting nature. In particular, I am quite concerned about OxyContin. It has an onset of 36 minutes after medication is taken, with 38% absorption, at a very quick onset period. I believe this is the addiction potential of this medication. I am also concerned about its time line, that it is not really effective for a 12-hour period. It seems to be more effective in an 8-hour period. Looking at the single dose clearance study seems to support this clinical information. I believe different time dosing which needs to be reinvestigated.

Sincerely,


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